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PRICE OF RAW JUTE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the beginning of the new harvest season the prices of raw jute has gone down considerably causing great difficulties to jute growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to protect the interests of jute growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) No, Sir. Although the prices of raw jute started falling in the beginning of the current jute season (July -June) in the month July, 2006, it is a normal market phenomena due to increase in supply. However, the prices have not fallen below the Minimum Support Price (MSP), fixed by the Central Government. With the intervention of the Jute Corporation of India (JCI), the prices of raw jute became stabilised and the trend of decrease in raw jute prices has been arrested.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Government has taken several steps to protect the interest of jute growers, which include increased Minimum Support Price for different grades of raw jute, procurement of raw jute from the growers by 171 regular purchase centers of JCI, apart from other State level apex cooperative societies and village level societies, commercial operations conducted by JCI, supplementation in distribution of certified seeds to jute growers by JCI, declaration of 100% mandatory packaging in jute bags for both foodgrains & sugar and various other R&D activities to enhance the agronomic practices.